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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN FROM LOWENSTEIN

1. FRENCH CHARGE DELAGORCE CALLED ON ME AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 14 ON INSTRUCTIONS TO PROVIDE FRENCH COMMENTS ON EC-9 COMMUNIQUE ISSUED FEBRUARY 13. CHARGE NOTED THAT FRANCE HAD ASKED FOR INCLUSION OF CYPRUS QUESTION ON THE AGENDA AND THAT THE DISCUSSIONS HAD TAKEN PLACE BEFORE THE TURKISH MOVE TO ESTABLISH A FEDERATED TURKISH-CYPRIOT STATE. EC-9 WERE THEREFORE UNABLE TAKE PUBLIC POSITION IN COMMUNIQUE ON TURKISH ACTION IN CYPRUS. IN ANY CASE, IT WAS EC-9 VIEW THAT THE PARTIES CONCERNED IN THE DISPUTE WERE GREECE, TURKEY, CYPRUS, AND THE TWO COMMUNITIES. CHARGE ALSO NOTED THAT EC-9 MEMBERS REFUSE TO ACCEPT ANY OTHER INTERLOCUTORS AND ANY ATTEMPTS TO IMPOSE FAITS ACCOMPLIS. CHARGE NOTED THAT EC-9 HAD CONSIDERED SENDING A SPECIAL EMISSARY TO ENTER INTO CONTACT WITH THE CONCERNED PARTIES. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF TURKISH MOVE ON CYPRUS AND FORTHCOMING SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE, FRANCE NOW UNCERTAIN AS TO WHETHER SUCH A STEP WOULD BE THE BEST WAY TO CONTRIBUTE TO IMPROVING THE SITUATION.

2. CHARGE SAID THAT FRANCE RECOGNIZED REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS AS THE SOLE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS AND BELIEVES THE CYPRUS PROBLEM CAN ONLY BE RESOLVED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS. FRANCE THEREFORE REGRETS ANY ACTION WHICH DEPARTS FROM THIS, PARTICULARLY UNILATERAL ACTIONS WHICH COULD LEAD TO FURTHER CONFRONTATION.

3. CHARGE INDICATED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES INTENDS RAISE THIS ISSUE WITH SECRETARY IN FORTHCOMING MEETING. ACCORDINGLY UPDATED TALKING POINTS WILL BE SENT IN SEPTEL. INGERSOLL

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